

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING THE CAUSE  
OF AN EVENT OCCURRING WITHIN A COMPUTER SYSTEM**

**Abstract**

5           A method, apparatus, and computer-readable medium are provided for identifying  
to a user the cause of an event occurring within a computer system. According to one  
method, a rule is maintained at a computer system that includes one or more conditions  
and one or more actions that are performed when the conditions are satisfied. An  
evaluation is periodically performed to determine whether the conditions are satisfied. If  
10 the conditions are satisfied, the one or more actions are performed. A request may then  
be received to identify the cause of the performance of the actions. In response to such a  
request, the rule is identified, such as by identifying the rule within a user interface  
provided by the computer system.

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